

IN THE DRAWINGS

Proposed changes to Figs. 3 and 4 are submitted herewith,
with a Letter to the Official Draftsman.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of this application are respectfully requested in light of the above amendments and the following remarks.

The Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the indication in the Office Action that claims 3, 4, and 7-10 are allowable. Allowable claims 3, 4, and 7 have been rewritten in independent form as new claims 15-17, respectively, as suggested in the Office Action. Allowable claims 8-10 have been rewritten as new dependent claims 18-20, respectively, and depend from base claim 17.

A new Abstract is submitted herewith as required by the Office Action.

Proposed changes to Figs. 3 and 4 are submitted herewith to overcome the objections thereto. Figs. 3 and 4 have been amended to contain a legend identifying them as related art.

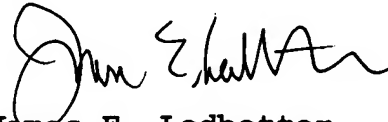
Claims 1-14 have been canceled.

In view of the above, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully solicited.

If any issues remain which may best be resolved through a telephone communication, the Examiner is requested to telephone

the undersigned at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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FIG. 3
RELATED ART

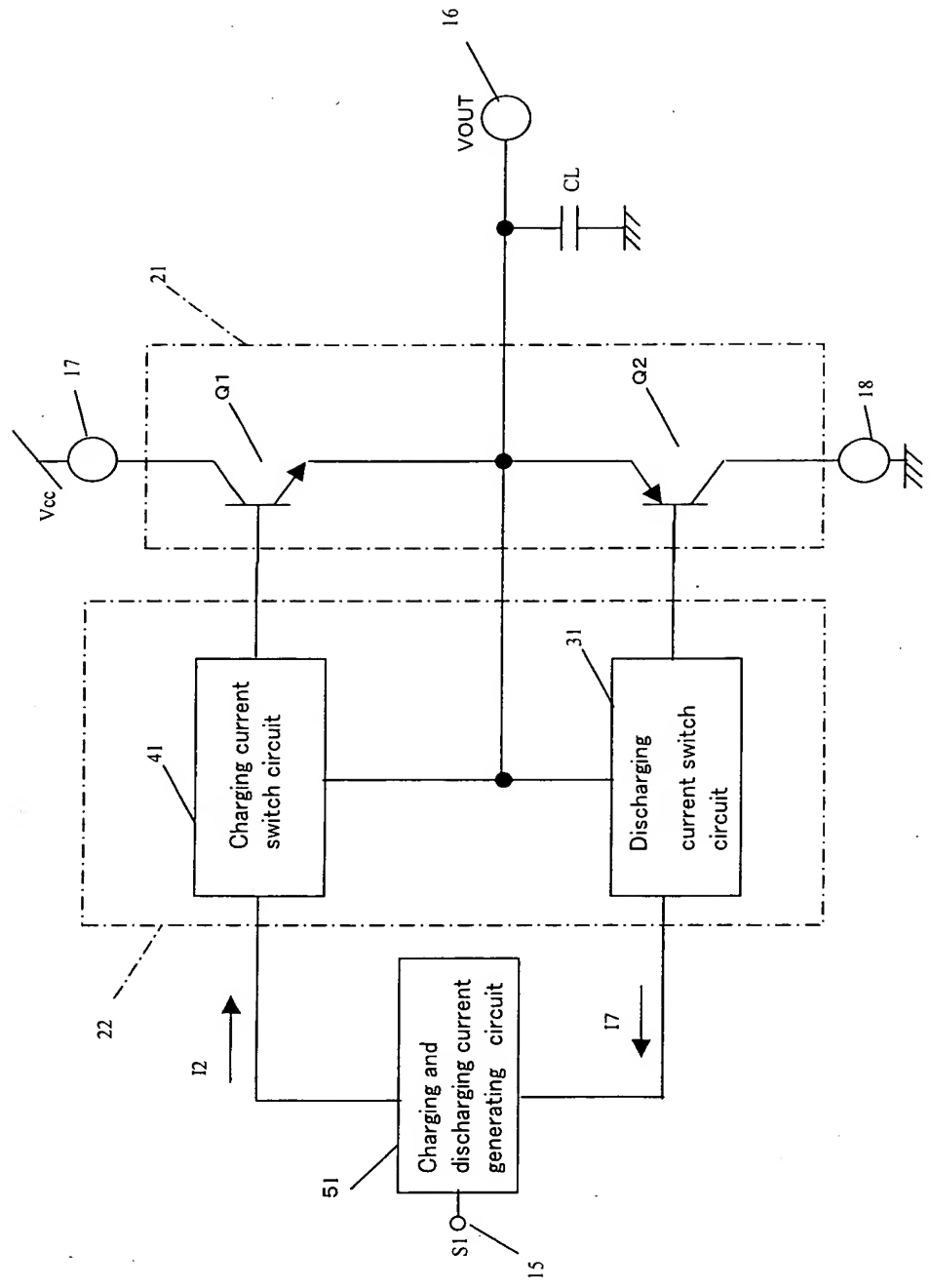
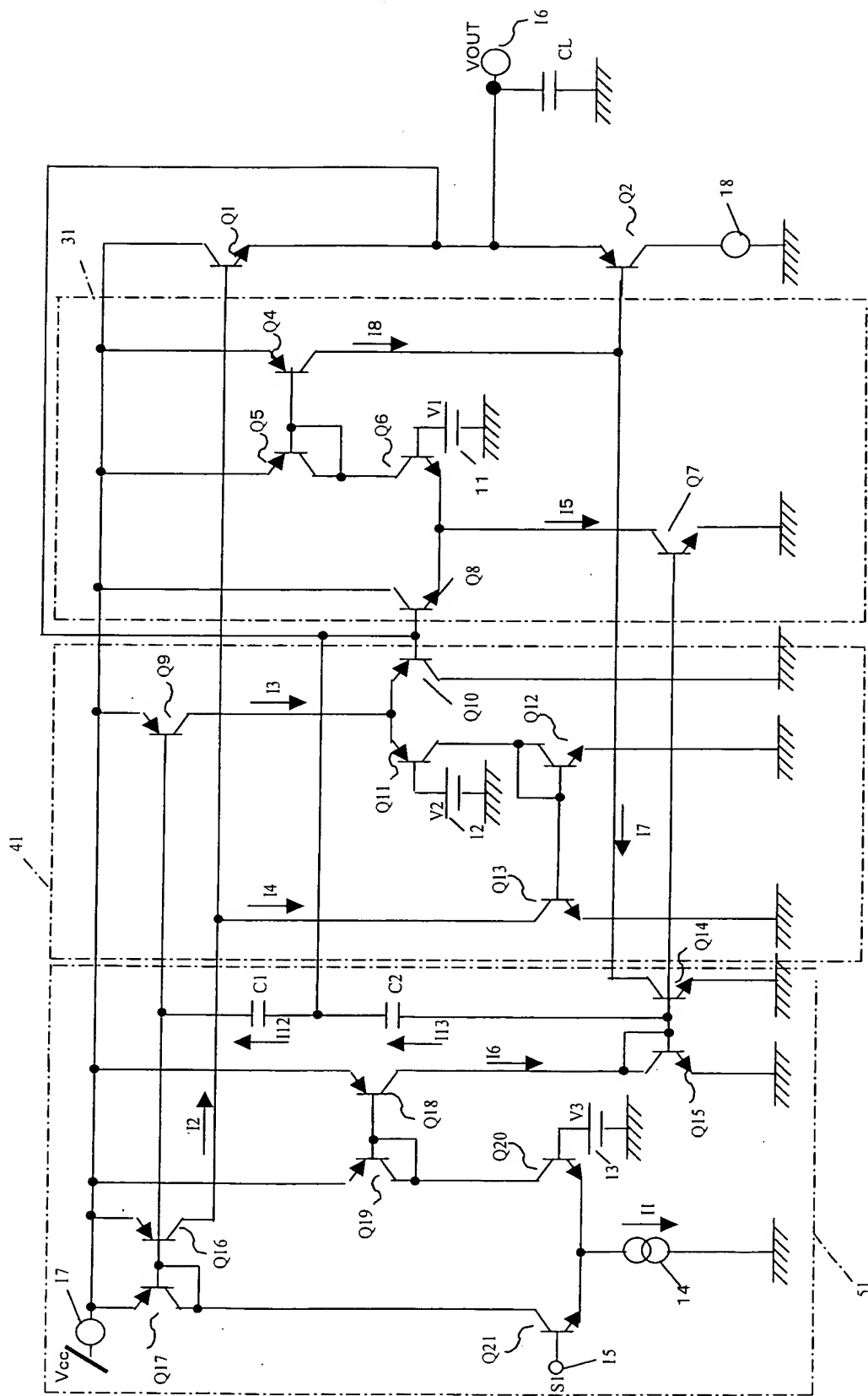


FIG. 4



RELATED ART